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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICE MOVE

REF: AMMAN 0214

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH YOUR PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS FOR MOVING COMMERCIAL OFFICE TO DOWNTOWN LOCATION, BUREAU IS NOT REPEAT NOT IN A POSITION TO AUTHORIZE SUCH A MOVE AT THIS TIME FOR BUDGETARY REASONS. ALTHOUGH BUREAU HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ITS ALLOTMENTS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ADVISED THAT IT WILL BE LEAN. WHILE DOLS. 1,0 IN AND OF ITSELF MIGHT APPEAR INCONSEQUENT IN COMPARISON WITH TOTAL BUREAU EXPENDITURES, WE MUST CONSERVE WHEREVER WE CAN IN ORDER FUND MANDATORY COSTS AND OTHER HIGHER PRIORITY NEEDS.

2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE, DEPARTMENT WOULD
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CONCUR IN MOVING THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE DOWNTOWN PROVIDED

THE EMBASSY, UPON RECEIPT OF ITS ALLOTMENTS, CAN REPROGRAM ITS EXPENDITURES WITHIN ITS ALLOTMENTS TO FINANCE THE MOVE. WE HOPE TO RECEIVE OUR ALLOTMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND WOULD DISTRIBUTE FIELD ALLOTMENTS WITHIN

SEVERAL DAYS THEREAFTER. HOWEVER, EXACT TIMING OF ALLOTMENT DISTRIBUTION IMPOSSIBLE FORECAST AND GIVEN AMOUNTS WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING IT NOT PROBABLE EMBASSY WOULD BE ABLE REPROGRAM ITS RESOURCES TO MEET COMMERCIAL OFFICE MOVE. HOWEVER YOU WILL BE BEST JUDGE OF THIS. ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR FBIS TO PICK UP MOVING COSTS AND FIRST YEAR'S RENTAL OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE WHICH IS PRACTICE SOMETIMES FOLLOWED WHEN ONE AGENCY DISLOCATES ANOTHER. IF YOU CONCUR, SUGGEST YOU APPROACH FBIS ON THE MATTER.

3. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT APPROPRIATE SAS INCREASE-DECREASE STATEMENT REFLECTING FBIS MOVE INTO CHANCERY.

4. I FULLY REALIZE THAT ABOVE NOT TOO RESPONSIVE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST BUT THIS IS BEST WE CAN DO GIVEN PRESENT GRIM FINANCIAL CLIMATE. KISSINGER

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